

Selected National and Railroad Data

Year or month	Index of Industrial Production ¹ (2017 = 100)	Consumer Price Index ² (1982-84 = 100)		U.S. Civilian Labor Force (millions)		Railroad Labor Force (thousands)			Benefit Payments (\$ millions) ⁵		U.S. Rail Total Traffic ⁷ (thousands)	Railroad Payrolls (\$ billions)					
		CPI-W	CPI-U	Employed	Unemployed	Employed		Unemployed	RRA	RUIA ⁶		Creditable ⁸		Total	Tier I	Tier II	RUIA
						Number ³	Percent Change ⁴					RRA					
2013	99.3	229.324	232.957	143.9	11.5	237	1.3	3	11,693	90 ⁹	27,441	18.7	17.77	16.48	3.99		
2014	102.3	232.771	236.736	146.3	9.6	242	2.1	2	11,975	83 ⁹	28,687	20.7	19.22	17.68	4.18		
2015	100.9	231.810	237.017	148.8	8.3	247	2.1	3	12,231	93 ⁹	27,977	21.4	19.99	18.38	4.30		
2016	98.7	234.076	240.007	151.4	7.8	231	-6.5	5	12,385	137 ⁹	26,588	19.5	18.32	16.92	4.00		
2017	100.0	239.051	245.120	153.3	7.0	225	-2.6	3	12,501	98	27,123	19.7	18.50	17.23	4.14		
2018	103.2	245.146	251.107	155.8	6.3	224	-0.4	2	12,752	87	28,113	20.7	19.66	18.05	4.17		
2019	102.4	249.222	255.657	157.5	6.0	217	-3.1	3	13,029	128	26,705	20.2	19.19	17.74	4.14		
2020	95.1	252.248	258.811	147.8	12.9	195	-10.1	9	13,199	237 ¹⁰	24,743	18.0	17.48	16.31	3.84		
2021	99.2	265.510	270.970	152.6	8.6	186	-4.6	5	13,116	165 ¹⁰	26,149	17.9	17.11	16.00	3.78		
2022	102.6	287.984	292.655	158.3	6.0	190	2.2	1	13,526	112 ¹⁰	24,945		18.63	17.22	3.97		
2023	102.8	298.990	304.702	161.0	6.1	198	4.2	1	14,132	90	24,369						
2023-January	102.5	293.565	299.170	158.7	6.4	194	5.4	1	1,186	9							
February	102.6	295.057	300.840	159.7	6.5	195	4.3	1	1,186	8							
March	102.7	296.021	301.836	160.7	6.0	196	4.3	1	1,185	9	5,898						
April	103.2	297.730	303.363	161.1	5.1	197	4.2	1	1,186	7							
May	102.9	298.382	304.127	161.0	5.7	199	5.3	1	1,183	6							
June	102.3	299.394	305.109	161.6	6.4	199	4.7	1	1,187	6	6,060						
July	103.2	299.899	305.691	162.0	6.4	199	4.7	1	1,181	6							
August	103.1	301.551	307.026	161.4	6.6	200	4.7	1	1,183	8							
September	103.2	302.257	307.789	161.7	6.0	199	3.6	1	1,178	7	6,147						
October	102.4	302.071	307.671	161.7	6.1	200	3.6	1	1,181	8							
November	102.7	301.224	307.051	162.1	5.8	200	3.1	1	1,122	8							
December	102.7	300.728	306.746	160.8	5.9	200	2.6	1	1,174	8	6,265						
2024-January	102.6	302.201	308.417	159.7	6.8	200	3.1	1	1,202	9							

See footnotes at end of table.

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¹ Monthly index numbers are seasonally adjusted. Annual index totals are the average of not seasonally adjusted data.

² CPI-W based on wage-clerical worker spending patterns, CPI-U on expanded population sample covering all urban consumers.

³ Employment data for 2023 and 2024 is preliminary. Employment data for 2023 is expected to be finalized in November 2024.

⁴ Increase (+) or decrease (-) from previous year or from same month in previous year.

⁵ Prior to 2019, net benefit payment amounts were provided by the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board's Bureau of Fiscal Operations. Beginning in January 2019, RRA net benefit payment amount is provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Monthly Treasury Statement, and RUIA benefit payments reflect gross amounts.

⁶ Amounts reflect a reduction of 9.2% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after February 28, 2013, a reduction of 7.2% for days after September 30, 2013, 7.3% for days after September 30, 2014, 6.8% for days after September 30, 2015, 6.9% after September 30, 2016, 6.6% for days after September 30, 2017, 6.2% for days after September 30, 2018, 5.9% for days after September 30, 2019, and 5.7% for days after September 30, 2020. Beginning January 3, 2021, the Continued Assistance to Rail Workers Act of 2020 temporarily suspended sequestration through May 9, 2023, 30 days after a Presidential declaration of an end to the national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic. Benefits are currently sequestered at 5.7% through fiscal year 2031.

⁷ Source: The Association of American Railroads (AAR). U.S. rail total traffic consists of carloads and intermodal units and excludes the U.S. operations of Canadian National and Canadian Pacific. Effective 2018, U.S. rail total traffic also excludes the U.S. operations of Grupo México Transportes.

⁸ Tier I and Tier II creditable payrolls, which became effective with the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, have annual earnings bases. RUIA payroll has a monthly earnings base. Tier I payroll includes miscellaneous compensation.

⁹ Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 2009. Beginning in November 2009, temporary, extended unemployment benefits are also being paid under the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009, as amended by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011, the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, and the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 2013.

¹⁰ Beginning in May 2020, RUIA claimants were paid under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020, as amended by the Continued Assistance to Rail Workers Act of 2020, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, with no benefits payable under these acts for registration periods beginning after September 6, 2021. The total amount from the Treasury's Monthly Treasury Statement is \$263.4 million.

NOTE:--Annual labor force figures are averages of 12 mid-month figures. Mid-month employment count is estimated number of employees in active pay status on carrier reporting date, excluding strikers and other employees whose absence from duty is strike-related, and without regard to whether such excluded employees are qualified for or receiving RUIA unemployment benefits. Railroad unemployed represents number claiming benefits in week including the 15th of month. Benefits are net amounts paid during the month and do not necessarily relate to the period in which accrued. RRA benefits include payments from the Dual Benefits Payments Account. Quarterly figures shown opposite last month of quarter. Changes from preceding month's report reflect revisions based on later data. Detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

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